



**A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF WESLACO  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015**

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July at 5:30 p.m., the City Commission of the City of Weslaco, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at City Hall in the Legislative Chamber, located at 255 South Kansas Avenue with the following members present at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor	David Suarez
Mayor Pro-Tem	Olga Noriega
Commissioner	David R. Fox
Commissioner	Greg Kerr
Commissioner	Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla
Commissioner	Lupe Rivera
Commissioner	Fidel L. Pena, III
City Manager	Mike R. Perez
City Secretary	Elizabeth Walker
City Attorney	Frank Garza

Also present were Juan Pena, IT Director; Mardoqueo Hinojosa, Planning and Code Enforcement Director and City Engineer; Pete Garcia, Public Works Director; and Maria Barrera, Finance Director.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Certification of Public Notice.  
Mayor Suarez called the meeting to order and certified the public notice of the meeting as properly posted Friday, July 10, 2015.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Mayor Suarez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll Call.  
Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, called the roll, noting perfect attendance.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments received.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and consideration to approve on Second and Final Reading Ordinance 2015-03 amending the Code of Ordinances §114.06, "Special Sign Categories, Permitted, and Prohibited Signs," adding such sections to provide for the placement of political signs on private property, to provide for the regulation of electioneering on public property and election polling places; to provide a repealing clause; to provide a severability clause; to provide a penalty for each offense; and to provide an

effective date. Possible action. (This item was tabled July 7, 2015; First reading held January 20, 2015; Staffed by City Secretary's Office.) Attachment.

Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to remove the item from the table. The motion carried unanimously; the Mayor was present and voting.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Pena moved to approve the item as presented.

Elizabeth Walker, City Secretary, reviewed the two options previously presented by the work group, as well as an third option as described by Commissioner Fox last meeting, and a fourth option which tries to incorporate elements of each.

Commissioner Rivera stated his preference for option B, which assigns electioneering camps on the west edge of the parking lot. Commissioner Pena expressed concern since that is the schools drop off area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega stated she is opposed to regulating the number of signs during the election; the issue last year she believes was the timing of when camps were claimed. Commissioner Kerr stated his concerns were traffic safety and blight.

Several Commissioners stated that parking should be reserved for the voters. Mayor Pro-Tem Noriega added security should be visible to enforce no signs on any landscaping and permit only what will fit in the campaign site.

Mayor Suarez requested staff formulate an option E, with no regulation of signage and parking for voters reserved six spaces deep. Commissioner Kerr suggested it is usually easier to enforce where you can be, rather than all the places you can't. The Mayor clarified that staff should illustrate an "election zone," starting after six spaces deep through the end of that parking row; spots should be identified as in option C. The City Attorney stated a line could be drawn through the parking lot, running north-south, which electioneering cannot pass.

Commissioner Tafolla, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, moved for no action on this item. The motion carried unanimously; the Mayor was present and voting.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the Commission, at 6:39 p.m. Commissioner Pena, seconded by Commissioner Tafolla, moved to adjourn the July 14, 2015 special meeting. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Suarez was present and voting.

CITY OF WESLACO

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MAYOR, David Suarez

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY, Elizabeth Walker

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MAYOR PRO-TEM, Olga Noriega

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